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Ms. Lacey Evans
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Dear Ms. Evans:

On June 16-24, 2004, I conducted aerial surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Alyesworth Creek Lake, Cowansque Lake, Curwensville Lake, Indian Rock Dam, Jennings Randolph Lake, Alvin R. Bush Dam, Stillwater Lake, Tioga-Hammond Lakes, Raystown Lake and Foster Joseph Sayers Dam. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your sites.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2005, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 27, 2004.

I have also enclosed a pest alert on the emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*. This exotic beetle feeds on various species of ash and is a major threat to the ash resource of the region. Emerald ash borer has been detected in areas of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and Maryland. The two most common ways of spreading emerald ash borer is through the movement of infested nursery stock or through the movement of infested fire wood. Additional information on emerald ash borer can be found at www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab .

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter or emerald ash borer.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

Cc: Bob Gardner, Alvin R. Bush Dam
Bill Welsh, Curwensville Lake
Kimm Rockey, Indian Rock Dam
Jan Gunzales, Jennings Randolph Lake
Craig Eisenhower, Foster Joseph, Sayers Dam
Ivan Conley, Alyesworth Creek Lake and Stillwater Lake
Mark Simonis, Cowansque Lake and Tioga-Hammond Lakes
Dwight Beal, Raystown Lake
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